110TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H. R. 6880

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2008

Mr. CAZAYOUX introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

| 1 | SECTION 1. CREDIT FOR CERTAIN UNCOMPENSATED |
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| 2 | LOSSES ON PRINCIPAL RESIDENCES DAM- |
| 3 | AGED BY HURRICANE GUSTAV. |
| 4 | (a) In General.—Subpart A of part IV of sub- |
| 5 | chapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of |
| 6 | 1986 (relating to nonrefundable personal credits) is |
| 7 | amended by inserting after section 25D the following new |
| 8 | section: |
| 9 | "SEC. 25E. CERTAIN UNCOMPENSATED LOSSES ON PRIN- |
| 10 | CIPAL RESIDENCES DAMAGED BY HURRI- |
| 11 | CANE GUSTAV. |
| 12 | "(a) In General.—In the case of an individual, |
| 13 | there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed |
| 14 | by this chapter an amount equal to the qualified disaster |
| 15 | loss sustained by the taxpayer during the taxable year. |
| 16 | "(b) Credit Limited to Deductible on Home- |
| 17 | OWNER'S INSURANCE.—The credit allowed by this section |
| 18 | with respect to any qualified disaster loss shall not exceed |
| 19 | the excess (if any) of— |
| 20 | "(1) the amount of such loss for which the tax- |
| 21 | payer was not compensated under the taxpayer's |
| 22 | homeowner's insurance policy solely by reason of the |
| 23 | deductible under such policy, over |
| 24 | "(2) the amount described in paragraph (1) |
| 25 | which is compensated for by the Federal Emergency |
| 26 | Management Agency. |

- 1 "(c) Qualified Disaster Loss.—For purposes of
- 2 this section, the term 'qualified disaster loss' means any
- 3 personal casualty loss (as defined in section 165(h)(3))
- 4 which is attributable to the compulsory or involuntary con-
- 5 version of the taxpayer's principal residence or any of its
- 6 contents as a result Hurricane Gustav in 2008.".
- 7 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
- 8 for such subpart A is amended by inserting after the item
- 9 relating to section 25D the following new item:
 - "Sec. 25E. Certain uncompensated losses on principal residences damaged by Hurricane Gustav.".
- 10 (c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 11 this section shall apply to losses sustained during 2008.

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